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SECRETARY

John Sipos  
Assistant Attorney General  
State of New York  
Office of the Attorney General  
The Capitol  
Albany, NY 12224-0341

Dear Mr. Sipos:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is pleased that you will participate in a public Commission meeting on the waste confidence rulemaking, on March 21, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Commissioners' Conference Room on the first floor of the NRC's Headquarters building at One White Flint North, Rockville, Maryland. The Commission is interested in hearing your views, representing the State of New York, on waste confidence. My staff will keep you informed of any updates to the agenda.

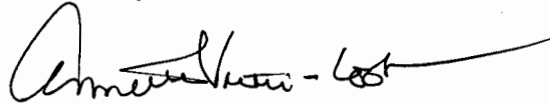
In making your presentation, please be cognizant that the public comment period in the waste confidence rulemaking has closed. The purpose of your invitation to this meeting is to allow the Commission to hear from you directly on the issues raised in the waste confidence rulemaking. Accordingly, the Commission requests that you limit your presentation to issues your organization raised during the public meetings conducted by the NRC staff or in your organization's written comments submitted to the agency as part of this rulemaking. We also ask that you avoid site-specific issues pending in ongoing adjudications. Further, you should be aware that the Commission's legal advisers will not be making a presentation at the meeting.

To assist the Commission in preparing for the meeting, please e-mail any written material, including slides, to Ms. Rochelle Baval and Ms. Sandy Joosten ([rochelle.baval@nrc.gov](mailto:rochelle.baval@nrc.gov) and [sandy.joosten@nrc.gov](mailto:sandy.joosten@nrc.gov)) in the Office of the Secretary, by March 14, 2014, so that it can be distributed to the Commission for review in advance of the meeting. Enclosed are guidelines for slides, if you choose to use them (enclosure 2). PowerPoint is the preferred format, but other electronic presentation formats may be used. This Commission meeting will be webcast live at the Web address: [www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov), and materials provided for the meeting will be posted on the NRC public website prior to the meeting: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/commission/tr/>. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Baval at 301-415-1651.

Your presentation at the Commission meeting should be based on the assumption that Commissioners are familiar with the content of your written material. Please plan your oral presentation for 10 minutes, discussing the important points on which you wish to focus the Commission's attention. Please avoid the use of acronyms where possible. If you do use acronyms, please explain them during your presentation.

The NRC Headquarters building is located opposite the White Flint Metro Station on Rockville Pike and Marinelli Drive, Rockville, Maryland. The White Flint Metro Station is on the Red Line of the Washington area subway system. Reserved visitor parking for Commission guests is available. If you wish to use reserved parking, please notify Ms. Bovol in advance. If reserved parking has been arranged, please check-in with the security staff at the entrance to the NRC campus on Marinelli Drive when you arrive. A Security Guard will call for an escort. Please note that visitors will be screened through metal detectors, will have their packages x-rayed, and will be required to present a picture identification card prior to signing in at the registration desk.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Annette Vietti-Cook", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Annette Vietti-Cook  
Secretary of the Commission

Enclosures:

1. Draft Agenda
2. Briefing Visuals Guidance

Final: 2/19/14

**SCHEDULING NOTE****Title: BRIEFING ON WASTE CONFIDENCE RULEMAKING****Purpose:** To provide the Commission with a status of the Waste Confidence rulemaking and a synopsis of public comments in response to the four policy issues the Commission identified in Section IV of the proposed rule (78 FR 56776).**Scheduled: March 21, 2014  
1:00 pm****Duration:** Approx. 3 hours and 15 minutes**Location:** Commissioners' Conference Room, OWFN

<b>Participants:</b>	<b>Presentation</b>
<b><u>External Panel</u></b>	<b>50 mins.*</b>
<b>Ron Johnson</b> , President, Prairie Island Indian Community Tribal Council <u>Topic:</u> Tribal perspectives on Waste Confidence	10 mins.*
<b>John Sipos</b> , Assistant Attorney General, State of New York <u>Topic:</u> A state's perspectives on Waste Confidence	10 mins.*
<b>Ellen Ginsberg</b> , Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary, Nuclear Energy Institute <u>Topic:</u> Nuclear industry perspectives on Waste Confidence	10 mins.*
<b>Michael Callahan</b> , CCMSC Corp. (on behalf of Governmental Strategies Inc. and the Decommissioning Plant Coalition) <u>Topic:</u> Decommissioned plant owners' perspectives on Waste Confidence	10 mins.*
<b>Geoffrey Fettus</b> , Senior Project Attorney, Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) <u>Topic:</u> Public-interest perspectives on Waste Confidence	10 mins.*
<b>Commission Q &amp; A</b>	<b>50 mins.</b>
<b>Break</b>	<b>5 mins.</b>

**NRC Staff Panel**

**40 mins.\***

**Mike Weber**, Deputy Executive Director for Materials, Waste, Research,  
State, Tribal, and Compliance Programs

**Cathy Haney**, Director, NMSS

**Keith McConnell**, Director, Waste Confidence Directorate, NMSS

Topic: Overview of the Waste Confidence rulemaking and synopsis of public  
comments on the four policy issues identified in the proposed rule.

**Andy Imboden**, Chief, Communications, Planning, and Rulemaking Branch

Topic: Comments received on the proposed Waste Confidence Rule

**Paul Michalak**, Chief, Environmental Impact Statement Branch

Topic: Comments received on the draft generic environmental impact  
statement

**Commission Q & A**

**50 mins.**

**Discussion – Wrap-up**

**5 mins.**

Documents:

Information SECY paper on the four policy issues from SRM-S13-0061 expected to the  
Commission by 2/28/14.

Staff background materials due to SECY: March 7, 2014.

Slides due to SECY: March 14, 2014.

- Use company/organization logo, and light background.
- Slides should contain substantive information, including text, photos, and graphics and be easily readable.
- Explain/spell out acronyms or include a separate slide with a list of acronyms.
- Number pages.
- Top and side margins should be 1 inch.
- Bottom margin should be 2 inches to accommodate captioning for webcasting.

Enclosure 2

# **PRESENTATION TITLE (Arial Black 40)**

**Date of Briefing  
Name and Title of Presenter  
(Arial Black 32)**

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